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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Identification and Purchase
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated December 16, 2002 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 22, 1999 with claims 1-23. Claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 1, 12 and 23 are the independent claims.

In the final Office Action dated December 16, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,317,784 (hereinafter "Mackintosh") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,616,876 (hereinafter "Cluts").

In this response, Applicant traverses the §103(a) rejection. In view of the following remarks, early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.